

Senate Resolution 994

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Ginn of the 47th, Harbison of the 15th, Unterman of the 45th, Hooks of the 14th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Broadband Availability Study Committee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, every economic development study has shown that the key to 21st century
3 competitiveness is universal access to broadband; and

4 WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced this session seeking to curtail the deployment
5 of broadband by local governments; and

6 WHEREAS, there should be thoughtful and careful consideration and meaningful study on
7 how interference with the implementation and use of broadband will impact the economic
8 development of the state; and

9 WHEREAS, the need exists for a comprehensive review of the current law and proposed
10 legislation in order to ensure that the best interests of the citizens of this state are being
11 promoted and protected.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
13 Broadband Availability Study Committee to be composed of five members. The President
14 of the Senate shall appoint members of the Senate as members of the committee and shall
15 designate one of such members as chairperson. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the
16 committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
23 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official

24 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
25 shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate. The expenses and allowances authorized
26 by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five
27 days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the committee makes a report of its
28 findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report
29 shall be made on or before December 15, 2012. The committee shall stand abolished on
30 December 15, 2012.